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Proceedings of the Board of Stewards for the period of Monday, March 02, 2009 through Sunday, March 08, 2009. Steward Michael W. "Wayne" Oke was the Reporting and Duty Steward for the enclosed period.

Monday

03/02/09 (1) **Field Size Expanded**

Management informed the steward's office that effective with Thursday's program, they wished to go with ten (10) horse fields wherever possible. After polling the other members of the Board of Stewards, the duty steward concurred.

The Board of Stewards retains the option to order outside horses to start from a trailing position during inclement weather, in the interest of safety.

03/02/09 (2) **Entries & Draw for Thursday 03/05/09**

Entries were taken and a draw held for Thursday's card. At the 11:00 a.m. draw, ninety nine (99) horses were drawn to compete in twelve (12) events.

Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

03/02/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Tuesday

03/03/09 (1) **Scratch Time for Thursday 03/05/09**

At scratch time there were ten (10) driver changes.

03/03/09 (2) **Entries and Draw for Friday 03/06/09**

Entries were taken and a draw held for Friday's card. At the 12:30 p.m. draw, one hundred fourteen (114) head were programmed to compete in fifteen (15) events.

Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

03/03/09 (3) **Dark Day**

Wednesday

03/04/09 (1) **Scratch Time - Friday 03/06/09**

At scratch time for Friday's card, there were five (5) driver changes.

03/04/09 (2) **Entries and Draw for Saturday 03/07/09**

Entries were taken and a draw held for Saturday's program. At the 11:00 a.m. draw one hundred fifteen (115) head were drawn to compete in fifteen (15) races.

Scratch time is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

03/04/09 (3) **USTA Trainers Test**

Owner Gretchen Smith (recently arrived from Chicago) took her trainer's test under the supervision of the duty steward. More to follow.

03/04/09 (4) **Dark Day**

Thursday

03/05/09 (1) **Scratch Time - Saturday 03/07/09**

At scratch time there were fifteen (15) driver changes.

03/05/09 (2) **Entries & Qualifying Sheet**

Entries were taken and qualifying sheet produced for four (4) qualifying races to be held today at 4:30 p.m. There are twenty three (23) horses scheduled to compete.

03/05/09 (3) **Will Meyers Returns to Cal-Expo**

The Cal-Expo Board of Stewards welcomed Veteran Steward Will Meyers Back after an assignment at Los Alamitos. Steward Grant Baker has started a new assignment at Golden Gate Fields.

03/05/09 (4) **Qualifying Races**

Four (4) qualifying events were held this evening commencing at 4:30 p.m. These events were held under the supervision of Stewards Meyers and McLaren. In these races, seventeen (17) of twenty three (23) participants were successful in their qualifying efforts.

03/05/09 (5) **Driver Meeting – Driving and Whipping Rules**

Steward Wayne Oke met with California Harness Horsemen's Association Representative Jim Perez and a group of the drivers to discuss the proposed driving and whipping rules.

Four (4) of the six (6) drivers were quite strong in their opinion that these changes were not necessary and could be potentially harmful to the industry.

03/05/09 (6) **Eighth Race – Incident Before the Start**

As the horses were coming to the gate for Race #8, #5 “Pedal On The Right” (Gene Vallandingham) broke stride and was ‘hooked’ from behind by #4 “Look Left N” (Luke Plano). The resulting collision unseated Driver Vallandingham, who was thrown to the track. Driver Vallandingham, who was unconscious briefly, was transported to the hospital for evaluation. #5 was scratched by the stewards. Accident report to follow.

03/05/09 (7) **Program Changes**

4th Race Program Correction - #6 “Ms KMC”

Program should read – 1st Time Lasix

5th Race Declaration - #3 “Real Gone – Trainer Steven Hyman

Refund: \$115 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

7th Race Declaration - #2 “Jen U Win BB” – Trainer Etienne Desomer

Refund: \$163 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

8th Race Declaration - #5 “Pedal On The Right” – Trainer Lester Smith

Refund: \$1,823 Stewards

#9 “Must Be a Sadie” – Trainer Tom Wine II

Refund: \$136 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

9th Race Declaration – #8 “Tootin Lady” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$20 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

03/05/09 (8) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	248
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Live Handle (On Track)	\$45,771
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Handle (In State)	\$363,369
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<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$258,935</u>
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Total Handle	\$668,075
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Friday

03/06/09 (1) **Gene Vallandingham Update**

The duty steward was notified by Bill Vallandingham that his brother Gene had been released from the hospital last evening after undergoing extensive testing.

The tests revealed a concussion and Gene was sent home to rest until Monday. His two (2) drives on tonight’s card will be handled by substitute drivers.

03/06/09 (2) **Meeting Postponed**

A meeting between the Board of Stewards, Dave Elliott and Joe Nefsky of Cal Expo, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today, was postponed. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. Elliott’s concerns with certain entries in the steward’s minutes. The meeting was postponed when Mr. Elliott was unable to attend due to other commitments. The stewards are awaiting word from Mr. Elliott as to a suitable date to reschedule the meeting.

03/06/09 (3) **Second Race – Timer Malfunction**

As the field passed the 3/4 mile marker, the infield timer reset. The times on the monitors remained. The timer was reset and functioned properly for the remainder of the card.

03/06/09 (4) **Third Race – Inquiry/Disqualification**

The inquiry sign was lit at the conclusion of Race #3 when #4 “Revenator” (Steve Hyman) broke stride midstretch and continued ‘off stride’ through the finish.

After reviewing films, the stewards disqualified #4 who finished fourth (4th) and placed #4 seventh (7th) for violation of the breaking rule.

Original order of finish: 3-6-1-4-5-2-7

Official order of finish: 3-6-1-5-2-7-4

03/06/09 (5) **Fourteenth Race – Three Way Shake**

In Race #4 there were three (3) claims entered for #6 “Satire”. The successful claimant was David Siegel. The horse goes to Lou Pena’s barn.

03/06/09 (6) **Program Changes**

5th Race Driver Change - #4 “Sebastian”

Luke Plano for Gene Vallandingham who was injured

7th Race Driver Change - #5 “Silver Rocket”

Rick Plano for Gene Vallandingham who was injured

8th Race Declaration - #2 “Myson Dylan N” – Trainer Dario Solares

Refund: \$82 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

13th Race Declaration - #4 “Special Edition N” – Trainer Frank Petrelli

Refund: \$28 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

15th Race Declaration - #2 “Tonight Is Mine” – Trainer Richard Bertrand

Refund: \$801 Injured – Dr. Robert Goodbary

03/06/09 (7) **Attendance and Handle**

Attendance	350
Live Handle (On Track)	\$58,749
Handle (In State)	\$617,703
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$336,459</u>
Total Handle	\$1,012,911

Saturday

03/07/09 (1) **First Race – Loose Horse/Scratched**

Race #1 was delayed approximately ten (10) minutes when #7 “Chocolicious” (Luke Plano) broke loose and ran off while her equipment was being adjusted on the track. #7 jumped a rail adjacent to the tractor yard and suffered a minor injury to her stifle.

Driver Luke Plano, who was knocked to the ground and stepped on during the incident, was checked by the EMT’s and cleared to fulfill the remainder of his scheduled drives.

At the conclusion of Race #1, Placing Judge Kathy Poor was unable to post the order of finish on the tote board. Scientific Games personnel, under the supervision of the Board of Stewards and Ms. Poor, were able to post the 'order of finish'. The television monitors throughout the plant were unaffected by this problem.

Provisional Driver Claude Ladoucer (#3 “Dirty Dog”) was ordered to film review for setting a very slow pace (33 seconds) during the second quarter of the event and was also observed using some questionable driving tactics during the stretch drive. More to follow.

The inquiry sign was lit at the conclusion of Race #6 to investigate a situation whereby #1 “Cherry Tree Mike” (Tim Maier) broke stride before the 3/4 mile marker and continued ‘off-stride’ through the finish. After viewing films, the Board of Stewards unanimously concluded that #1 was in violation of the ‘breaking rule’; consequently #1, who finished eighth (8th), was placed tenth (10th) for violation of the breaking rule.

Official order of finish: 10-2-7-6-9-5-3-8-4-1

When Starter Bill Vallandingham called the horses to the gate, #3 “Homestay N” (Rick Plano), in the opinion of the starter, did not turn to the gate in a timely fashion (balked), thus the starter flashed the ‘recall lights’ and ordered a second attempt at a start. The second attempt at a start was problem free.

1st Race Declaration - #7 “Chocolicious” – Trainer Tom Wine II
Refund: \$7,235 Stewards

Attendance	401
Live Handle (On Track)	\$61,904
Handle (In State)	\$513,075
<u>Handle (Out of State)</u>	<u>\$362,778</u>
Total Handle	\$937,757

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT - The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Vet</u>	<u>Refund</u>
5-Mar	5	3	REAL GONE	HYMAN	Injured	Goodbary	\$115.00
	7	2	JEN U WIN BB	DESOMER	Injured	Goodbary	\$163.00
	8	9	MUST BEA SADIE	WINE II	Injured	Goodbary	\$136.00
	9	8	TOOTIN LADY	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$20.00
6-Mar	8	2	MYSON DYLAN N	SOLARES	Injured	Goodbary	\$82.00
	13	4	SPECIAL EDITION N	PETRELLI	Injured	Goodbary	\$28.00
	15	2	TONIGHT IS MINE	BERTRAND	Injured	Goodbary	\$801.00

WEEKLY HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Bakersfield	\$	12,293.70
Bay Meadows	\$	-
Eureka	\$	-
Fresno	\$	8,694.70
Fresno Club One	\$	2,435.70
Golden Gate	\$	69,212.90
Monterey	\$	10,346.60
Pleasanton	\$	36,963.90
Sacramento	\$	133,321.30
San Jose	\$	58,793.40
San Mateo	\$	76,093.10
Santa Rosa	\$	9,475.20
Stockton	\$	25,458.60
Tulare	\$	-
Turlock	\$	23.00
Vallejo	\$	23,136.20
Racing Fairs	\$	-
So. California	\$	-
Out of State	\$	958,172.27

**CAL-EXPO HARNESS ASSOCIATION
SUMMARY
2009**

	Mon 03/02	Tues 03/03	Wed 03/04	Thurs 03/05	Fri 03/06	Sat 03/07	Total Week	Total Meet
Accidents	D	D	D	1	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	A	0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R	R	R	1	1	0	2	19
Disqualifications	K	K	K	0	1	1	2	21
Inquiries	D	D	D	0	1	1	2	39
Refunds	A	A	A	5	3	1	9	85
Rulings	Y	Y	Y	0	0	0	0	28

Stewards Attendance: Stewards Oke, Meyers and McLaren were in attendance.

All drivers submitted to a breath analyzer test.

Michael W. "Wayne" Oke, Steward

Will Meyers, Steward

Brent McLaren, Steward